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HISTORICAL NOTE:

The boys' club movement in Phoenix began in the 1920's. However, the inception of the Boys' Clubs of Phoenix, Inc. was in 1939. Burrige D. Butler, who spent the winter months in Phoenix and who owned KOY Radio Station and the "Arizona Farmer," had long been active in boys clubs in Chicago. Through the Optimist Club of Phoenix he worked with Alfred Knight to organize a Board of Directors. World War II sidelined the effort, but the Board reorganized and opened the first two clubs on the eastside and westside in Phoenix in 1946 in small, inadequate rented facilities. Popularity and growth of the clubs were immediate, and this spurred a building boom of club facilities beginning in the 1950's. The Boys' Club of Phoenix became a major focus of numerous philanthropic groups, volunteers, local businesses, including the Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Del E. Webb Corporation. In the 1980's the organization changed its name to the Boys Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix to reflect the affiliation of additional clubs such as Peoria, Glendale, Maryvale and Deer Valley. Later the organization became the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, and by 1990 it operated eight clubs.

The purpose of the organization was to promote the mental, moral and physical well being of boys in a safe and fostering environment. The club received much support from Phoenix law enforcement to combat juvenile delinquency. Activities were open to all boys regardless of nationality, economic status or religious affiliation. They included a library; game rooms with chess, checkers, ping pong, etc.; shop; choir; drum and bugle corps; clubs such as stamp collecting; cooking; hiking; field trips; and sports such as

swimming, basket ball, badminton, wrestling, weight lifting, trampoline, rope climbing and baseball.

Charles M. Hall was the Executive Director from 1951 to 1980, and was active in the national Boys' Clubs of America organization. He was born in Pierceton, Indiana, was an Air Force veteran, and received degrees from Indiana University and New York University. He died on July 20, 1999 at the age of 75.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection consists of files of Charles M. Hall, longtime Executive Director. The original headings and alphabetical order have been retained except for minor alterations for clarification. Extensive photographs of activities and events are included in many of the files. A particular noteworthy aspect of the collection is the significant photographic documentation of prominent Phoenix business and community leaders of this era who served on the Board of Directors and various committees. The publications in the Boys' Club of America files contain background information about national activities of the boys' club movement.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Activities – Basketball (partnership with the Phoenix Suns)	1973-1980
	2	Activities – Boys Choir	ND
	3	Activities – Chess Club	ND
	4	Activities – Checkers Club	ND
	5	Activities – Coin Collecting	ND
	6	Activities - Cooking	ND
	7	Activities – Drill Team	1967-1978
	8	Activities - General	ND
	9	Activities – Kite Flying	ND
	10	Activities – Little Sisters	1968-1971
	11	Activities – Mountain Climbing	1963-1965
	12	Activities – Pet Show	1967-1968
	13	Activities – Phoenix Police Department’s Project Aware (Reuben Ortega, Chief of Police)	ND
	14	Activities – Rifle Club	1963-1966
	15	Activities - Swimming	ND
	16	Activities – Weight Lifting	1961
	17	Alumni Reunions	1986-1987
2	1	Annual Reports	1953-1970
	2	Annual Reports	1972-1977
	3	Annual Reports	1980-1994
	4	Auctions And Other Fundraisers	1979-1988
	5	Big Brother Booster Campaign Letter Appeal	ND
	6	Board of Directors Annual Reports	1947-1975
	7	Board of Directors Minutes	1983-1996

3	1	Board of Directors Photographs (1 of 6)	ND
	2	Board of Directors Photographs (2 of 6)	ND
	3	Board of Directors Photographs (3 of 6)	ND
	4	Board of Directors Photographs (4 of 6)	ND
	5	Board of Directors Photographs (5 of 6)	ND
	6	Board of Directors Photographs (6 of 6)	ND
	7	Board of Directors Roster (with photographs)	1981-1993
	8	Boy Of The Year Award	1950-1982
4	1	Boys' Clubs of America, Administrative Conference, Carl Showe Banquet Speaker, Jekyll Island, South Carolina, , Audio Cassette,	1974
	2	Boys' Clubs of America, "Marching Song" Reel-to-Reel Tape Recording	1957
	3	Boys' Clubs of America, Boys' Clubs Professional Association "Old Timers" Group	1979-1990
	4	Boys' Clubs of America, Hall, Walter S.	ND
	5	Boys' Clubs of America, History Of The Metropolitan Atlanta Boys' Clubs by Frank Kentsmith	1977
	6	Boys' Clubs of America, Lawsuit By Girls' Clubs of America	1988
	7	Boys' Clubs of America, Manual of Boys' Clubs Operation	1956
5	1	Boys' Clubs of America, National Board of Trustees and National Associates	1983
	2	Boys' Clubs of America, "100 Years And Millions Of Boys: The Story Of The Boys Clubs Of America" by William Edwin Hall	1961
	3	Boys' Clubs of America, Periodical, "The Journal"	1966-1971
	4	Boys' Clubs of America, Periodical, "Keynote"	1980
	5	Boys' Clubs of America, Periodical, "The Keystone"	1939-1940
	6	Boys' Clubs of America, Periodical, "Profiles"	1957-1975
	7	Boys' Clubs of America, Periodicals, "Profiles"	1966-1989
	8	Boys' Clubs of America, Photographs	ND
6	1	Boys' Clubs of America, Service Programs	1945-1946
	2	Boys' Clubs of America, Service Programs	1947-1951
	3	Boys' Clubs of America, Publications	1932-1979
	4	Buildings, Burrige D. Butler Boys' Club (Eastside)	ND
	5	Buildings, Butler Boys' Club Demolition	ND
	6	Buildings, Warner A. Gabel Boys' Club	1983
	7	Buildings, I.G.H. Homes Unit (Westside)	1980
	8	Buildings, Herbert M. Kieckhefer Boy's Club (Southern)	1962-1966
	9	Buildings, Kieckhefer Boys Club Pool	1969
7	1	Buildings, Agnes Miller Unit (Northside)	1978

	2	Buildings, Peoria	1980
	3	Buildings, West Side Boys Club	1949
	4	By-Laws	1946-1981
	5	Correspondence	1953-1959
	6	Del E. Webb Corporation	1982
	7	Dinner of Champions	1963-1964
	8	Endowment Program	ND
	9	Richard T. Ernenwein, Assistant Executive Director Farewell Roast	1969
	10	Financial Reports	1960-1982
	11	Founders Dinner	1981
	12	Fredericks, Oswald White Bear (Hopi)	1989
	13	Hall, Charles M., Executive Director	1951-1993
	14	History of Club	1956
	15	Hope, Bob	ND
	16	Kieckefer, Herb	1963-1969
	17	Kiwanis Club of Phoenix Roster	1969-1973
8	1	Membership Spot Map	1967
	2	Navy Cruise	1962
	3	Newspaper Clippings	1947-1972
	4	Personnel Evaluation Forms and Personnel Policies and Practices Guide	ND
	5	Photographs, Miscellaneous	ND
	6	Proclamations By The Governor	1966-1970
	7	Program Report	1959-1963
	8	Presidents' Letters	1959-1969
	9	Rosenzweig, Harry	1975
	10	Roster	1980-1981
	11	Roster	1982
	12	Sahara-Fari (Las Vegas Sahara Resort Fundraiser)	1958-1974
9	1	Sahara-Fari (Las Vegas Sahara Resort Fundraiser)	1975-1980
	2	"Survey Of Boys' Clubs Of Phoenix" by Charles M. Hall	1954
	3	"Tentative Case For Support For Boys' Clubs Of Metropolitan Phoenix" by Ketchum, Inc.	1982
	4	Thompson, Bill	1966
	5	Traylor, Del	1973
	6	Trip To The Trop (Las Vegas Tropicana Resort Fundraiser)	1983-1988
	7	Unit Board Manual	1973
	8	Williams, Jack	ND